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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Eighth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 19-21, 2023
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 23-17

Title: Support for Congressional Legislation to Permanently Authorize the Federal Match to
Urban Indian Organizations

By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 35,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida' s citizens reside in villages and urban communities throughout the United States and rely on the Indian Health Service (IHS) and Urban Indian Organizations (UIO) for medical services; and

WHEREAS, the current Medicaid statute provides that a 100% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) match rate for state expenditures applies to all services provided to American Indians and Alaskan Natives (AI/AN) for Medicaid services received through an IHS facility, whether operated by IHS or an Indian tribe or tribal organization; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act temporarily extended 100% FMAP to UIOs for eight quarters; and

WHEREAS, a large proportion of UIO patients utilize Medicaid as payment, and UIOs that provide Medicaid services are reimbursed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by a combination of federal and state dollars whose rates are determined by statute and vary by state; and

WHEREAS, a permanent authorization of 100% FMAP for UIOs would help address the chronic underfunding of the 41 Urban Indian Health Programs located in 22 states; and

WHEREAS, extending a 100% FMAP would benefit states by generating savings to state general funds; and

WHEREAS, permanent authorization of 100% FMAP for UIOs would support AI/ANs access to culturally attuned healthcare and improve healthcare outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the federal trust and treaty responsibilities for the provision of healthcare for AI/ANs must be upheld for AI/ANs residing in urban areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Eighth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened April 19-21, 2023, hereby supports the permanent extension of the federal match to Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tlingit & Haida President shall send letters in support of permanent extension of the federal match to UIOs to the Alaska, Washington and California delegations in Washington, D.C.

ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2023, by the Eighty-Eighth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata